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FM AMEMBASSY FREETOWN
TO AMEMBASSY CONAKRY IMMEDIATE
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SUBJECT: GUINEA'S GASOLINE SHORTAGE

REF: CONAKRY 1613

1. EMBASSY NOTIFIED MARTIN PLATE, DIRECTOR MOBIL
OIL-SIERRA LEONE, OF GOG REQUIREMENTS. PLATE INFORMS
US THAT MOBIL OIL AND TEXACO CAN SUPPLY UP TO 800
TONS MIX OF PREMIUM AND REGULAR GASOLINE IMMEDIATELY
(UP TO 800 TONS OF PREMIUM, SMALL AMOUNTS OF REGULAR).
TEXACO'S TWO BARGES ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR TRANSPORTING
GASOLINE. HOWEVER, TEXACO REP STATES THERE IS
TANKER, BAOLA, NOW IN MONROVIA, THAT COULD HAUL UP TO
400 TONS EACH TRIP IF AVAILABLE. BAOLA IS FORMER
FARRELL LINES TANKER NOW OPERATING UNDER DIFFERENT FIRM.

2. GOG DID PURCHASE 120 TONS REGULAR FUEL LAST WEEK FROM BP-SIERRA LEONE AND PLANS PICK UP ADDITONAL 80 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TONS REGULAR ON MONDAY. TRANSFER COMPLICATED BY NEED BP POST BOND WITH GOSL AUTHORITIES THAT FUEL IS TO BE EXPORTED AND BY FAILURE GOG, SO FAR, ACKNOWLEDGE FUEL HAS ARRIVED GUINEA SO BP CAN RECLAIM BOND.

3. FOR CONAKRY: PLEASE ADVISE MIX OF GASOLINE DESIRED AND MEANS OF PAYMENT. REQUIRE LETTER THROUGH GUINEA

EMBASSY FREETOWN TO MINISTRY TRADE AND INDUSTRY THAT FUEL IS FOR EXPORT AND ASSURANCES GOG WILL ACKNOWLEDGE SPEEDILY FUEL HAS ARRIVED.

4. FOR MONROVIA: PLEASE ADVISE AVAILABILITY BAOLA FOR CHARTER TWO RUNS FREETOWN-CONAKRY. LINEHAN

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